

Grant County Mosquito Control District #1

September 27, 2022 Board Meeting

District Office

Present: Frank DeTrolio, Marilyn Meseberg, Chad Nordberg, Ann Belchik-Moser, Carina LeFave, Ryan Kuhn, and Cheyenne Keel.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM

Motion to accept minutes of August 30, 2022 made by Chad Nordberg. Seconded by Frank DeTrolio. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment / Correspondence

District resident, Jack Nuss, sent a letter addressed to the district manager and board of trustees about an aircraft incident on August 24, 2022. Ann contacted Mr. Nuss and the issue has been resolved.

Old Business

A. Project Update

Ryan Monson provided an updated cost estimate that came in a little bit higher than previously quoted. The Ryan Monson stated that he thought the electrical costs quoted seemed on the higher side. Unfortunately, the pump station added additional costs that were initially not taken into consideration. Inflation with everything from lumber to transportation has also driven up the price of the project. Ryan stated how it might be best to go out for bid and then see the various prices of the bids.

Motion to send the project out for bid made by Chad Nordberg. Seconded by Frank DeTrolio. Motion passed unanimously.

The project will continue to move forward by submitting design plans to the Port of Moses Lake and then to the County for their approval.

New Business

B. CPI Increase for 2023

It is board policy to use the same CPI as the City of Moses Lake, which is CPI – W for B/C cities from the Bureau of Labor Statistics each August. This year the CPI increase is 8.7%.

Motion to approve the 8.7% CPI increase for 2023 made by Frank DeTrolio. Seconded by Chad Nordberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report

C. 2023 Preliminary Budget

Ann presented the preliminary budget for 2023 with updated figures for leases, wages, pesticide line items, etc. Currently, the budget is increasing proportional to the cost of CPI. Ann is hoping that the vehicles on order will be delivered before the end of the year so they are paid for from the 2022 budget.

D. Operations Update

The season is slowly starting to wrap up. The additional water pushed through the system this year and especially later in the season is creating mosquito breeding issues that typically does not occur. The district plans to continue to spray into October and then send the Thrush down for annual maintenance.

E. Litigation

Ann provided an update on the litigation situation.

Other Business

Warrant Register #779 Voucher #16533-16569 Check # 671100: 9851 - 98887

Amount Total: \$647,989.46

Motion to pay bills made by Frank DeTrollo. Seconded by Chad Nordberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Frank DeTrollo. Seconded by Chad Nordberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at: 1:17 PM




